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Dewan.—Why don't you go through the cart roads?

The Member said that there was no way for getting from one cart road to another. The next road the Member referred to was the Western Outlet Road and he said that several parts of this road were in an unfinished state and he urged the necessity for completing the same.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of means of communication in the Shertallai taluk.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Shertallai taluk) stated that the major portion of the Shertallai taluk was a sandy waste and that, there being no means of communication, the people had no other alternative than to walk along the sand to their great discomfort and misery, with the result that they were affected by ague, elephantiasis, leprosy and such like diseases. The proposed canal, the construction of which had not yet been begun, would run only through a part of the taluk, and it did not answer the purpose for even half of the taluk. The Member urged the necessity for having two cartable roads, one from Alleppey to Aroor and the other from Shertallai to Thaneermukom, with necessary bridges over the canals intersecting the roads, and said that these would not only afford a great deal of relief to the inhabitants in regard to their means of communication, but would also afford facilities for trade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of means of communication in the Meenachil taluk.

Mr. C. Mathen Mappila (Member, Meenachil taluk) said that the agricultural and industrial condition of the taluk was ever at a stand-still, owing to the want of cartable roads to connect important villages. The construction of a road from the 3rd mile of the Lalam Poonjar road to the Ponkunnam road, for which a sum of Rs. 25,000 was sanctioned, had not yet been begun, but on enquiry, the Member learnt that the sanctioned amount was for improving the Ponkunnam Lalam road. This road, he said, was in good condition and needed no repair and he requested that the sum sanctioned might be utilized for constructing a village road from the Barananganom school to Vazhamoottam. The Member, then referred to the necessity for opening the following feeder cart roads:—

(1) From the Sircar school in Barananganom to Payika on the Lalam Ponkunnam road, to connect the *pakuthies* of Barananganom and Meenachil.

(2) From Erattupetah through the Meenachil Proverthy Cutcherry to the Mutholi landing place, to connect Kondoor, Meenachil and Puliyanoor.

(3) From the Thidanad Pagoda to Vilaguparakkadavoo connecting Kondoor and Barananganom.

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(4) From Pinnakkanad on the Erattupetah Kanjirapalli road to the Ponkunnam Lalam road through Vilakkumadom. This line has been widened by the Vilakkumadom people and what was prayed for was its maintenance by the D. P. W.

(5) From the Mankomboo road to Kadanad through Privithanan.

(6) From Vellapad to the Kuravilangad road.

(7) From Palai to the Ramapuram Proverthy Cutcherry.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of means of communication in the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. Thariathu Kunji Thommen (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) represented that, owing to the want of cartable roads in the interior of the taluk, the inhabitants were labouring under difficulties in the matter of transacting their daily business in life. Every year a certain sum of money was sanctioned for the maintenance of the several foot-paths in the taluk, which the Member said was a mere waste of public funds, as these foot-paths did not serve any useful purpose. Four or five times the amount thus spent annually would be enough for constructing suitable cart roads. The Member prayed for the conversion of the following foot-paths into cartable roads, *viz*, (1) from the Kothamangalom bazaar to the Vazhakulam market through the Kalanboor market situated between the Varappatti and Enanalloor *pakuthies*, (2) from the Muvattupuzha pettah to Aunjoor, (3) from Muvattupuzha to Anjapetti on the Piravam road through Pampakuda, and (4) from the Piravam market to Urayam through Ramamangalom. The Member also urged the opening of a new road from the 114th mile-stone of the M. C. Road to Piravam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the means of communi cation in the Karthigapalli taluk.

Mr. Parasurama Iyer Narayana Iyer (Member, Karthigapalli taluk) stated that the condition of the following roads and canals was very miserable and he urged the necessity for improving them, with the necessary culverts, bridges &c:—(1) Parts of the road from Kayenkulam to Thottapalli i. e., from Kayenkulam to Nangiarkulangara and from Aripad Danappadi to Thottapalli. (2)The road from Karthigapalli to Thirkunnapuzha. (3) Metalling of half a mile of the road east of the Taluk Office up to the Travellers' Bungalow, clearing of the village road from the Taluk Office to the Chennithalai road and improving the road from Karthigapalli to Kayenkulam which passed through Muthukulom and Keerikad. (4) The road from the Taluk Cutcherry to the timber depot at Veeyapuram. (5) The canal

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